

Proposal Title: Followup Program of veterinary cooperation between Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and the United States in the area of contagious disease control.

Proposal Submission Date: August 15, 2008

Market: Central and Eastern Europe

Product/Sector: SPS

Description of Problems(s) – Constraints:

Some countries located in Eastern and Central Europe like Ukraine and Belarus still have uncertain epizootic situation regarding certain contagious animal diseases like swine vesicular disease, classical swine fever, avian influenza, Newcastle disease or Aujeszky disease, which affect their ability of exporting livestock, animal products and creates a threat of spreading them in the region and worldwide. Poland which is located in the same zone as these countries was able to successfully control/eradicate most of animal diseases with significant assistance from the U.S. veterinary service. In addition, Poland has historical and traditional links with these countries which helps to transmit information and share experience with East-European countries. As a leader in the Central and Eastern Europe Poland with assistance and supervision from the U.S. veterinary authorities could help to create a platform of cooperation allowing to effectively react in case of an outbreak of contagious disease in the region as well as in prevention, monitoring and eradication of diseases already present in participating countries.

Project Objectives:

Animal Disease Central & East-European Platform (ADCEEP) would include periodic meetings of member countries with U.S. veterinary experts to evaluate current epizootic status in the region and carry out training helping to create joint emergency reaction procedures. The ADCEEP would help to control animal diseases in the region as well as it would allow to negotiate and resolve potential veterinary border inspection issues limiting access of U.S. animal products to East-European markets. This is a followup project request to

Performance Measures:

Rationale:

1. Poland and Baltic Countries are the major transshipment countries for U.S. poultry meat and beef offal to Ukraine, Moldova and Kazakhstan. Local veterinary authorities often use animal disease status as a tool to block or limit transshipment/import of U.S. animal origin products. Continuous monitoring of epizootic status of both transshipment and final destination countries is critical for smooth flow of U.S. products to the final destination and adequate reaction to SPS-based trade barriers.
2. Globalization of certain animal contagious diseases like HP Avian Influenza, FMD, Blue Tongue or BSE creates a need for regional monitoring and early notification about outbreaks to APHIS.

Request: \$13,650

Activity Description:

This activity funds travel for one U.S. expert to return to Poland and offer followup consultation with experts at the Pulawy Institute associated with the joint U.S./Poland/Ukraine, Belarus and Baltics workshop on **Infectious Animal Disease Prevention & Control** in the National Institute of Veterinary in Pulawy (Poland). Traveler will visit during a regular consultation of Poland with its neighbors, and past participants in the project. The U.S.-based expert will provide an evaluation and offer practical next steps for cooperation if any, that will maintain or enhance the long term market development of U.S. exports to this region.

Participants:

APHIS will be represented by one expert in the area of prevention and emergency reaction to contagious diseases. Scientists from the National Institute of Veterinary in Pulawy and FASWarsaw representatives will participate in the activity.

Major topics:

- Preventing introduction of exotic animal disease & emergency response (APHIS experts);
- Regional cooperation and creation of ADCEEP;
- Transshipment/imports of U.S. origin animal products and feed – constraints, major issues to be addressed, danger points, trade barriers, etc.

Activity Timeline:

Visit to be scheduled in September 2009.

Budget:

	Days	People	Cost	Total
International Air tickets for APHIS expert		1	\$2,000	\$1,000
Per Diem for APHIS Expert	5	1	\$250	\$1,250
Health insurance		1	\$150	\$150
Materials/translation	2		\$1,000	\$2,000
Conference, local interpreter and staff travel	2			\$7,000
Transportation				\$1,000
Subtotal				\$12,400
Misc 10%			10%	<u>\$1,250</u>
Total				\$13,650